



Anacostia Trails Heritage Area

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Dear Mayors, Councilmembers, and Commissioners:

I am forwarding to you for review and signature a Memorandum of Understanding and a "Frequently Asked Questions" document related to the development, connection, and improvement of bicycle and walking routes.

Earlier in 2015, each of the communities within the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area sat down and discussed potential bike connections between the trails and our communities. We identified potential routes, maintenance issues, and future plans. Out of that process, those that participated agreed that a MOU should be put in place that would help guide future discussions.

These meetings were hosted jointly by Councilmembers Glaros and Tavaras, in cooperation with ATHA Inc. These county councilmembers have shown great interest in making sure our bike system for the region is robust. ATHA Inc. has been involved because of our interest in bicycle tourism. However, this interest can only go so far. We now need each of the communities within ATHA to sign on and agree to move this effort forward.

Do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns. We look forward to working with each of the communities on the specific goal of growing bicycle and pedestrian use.

Sincerely,

Aaron Marcavitch

Executive Director, ATHA Inc.